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FOR A TRACKED VEHICLE

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NEW CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Enclosed for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.10 are the following papers in connection with the above-identified continuation patent application:

- 1. Complete continuation patent application, including 25 pages of specification, 7 pages of claims, 1 page abstract
- 2. 12 sheets of drawings of Figures 1 16 as described in the specification
- 3. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application (2 pages)
- 4. Claims Fee Calculation Sheet (1 page)
- 5. Credit Card Payment Form for \$556.00 for the filing fee for small entity status (1 page)
- 6. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)
- 7. Form PTO/SB/08A (3 pages)
- 8. Return postcard.

A self-addressed return postcard in accordance with M.P.E.P. Section 503 itemizing all of the above-referenced documents filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Particulars of Prior Application

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/214,004 entitled "Track Tensioning System For A Tracked Vehicle" (allowed), which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 60/312,713 entitled "Track Tensioning System For A Tracked Vehicle", filed August 16, 2001 and U.S. Patent Application No. 60/314,519, entitled "Track Tensioning System For A Tracked Vehicle", filed August 22, 2002.

Small Entity

Applicant's claim small entity under 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

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Assignment

An assignment of the prior application to Formula Fast Racing was recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 013183 Frame 0004.

Deposit Account

In the event the amount submitted herewith is insufficient in any respect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance needed to our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

Please charge to Deposit Account 06-0029 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization shall be treated as requesting a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) of the appropriate length that may be necessary now or in the future.

Filing Date

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53(b), this application is being filed with the necessary application, claims, and drawings. Please place this application on file upon receipt with a filing date of <u>March 15, 2004</u>.

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